

TIPPECANOE COUNTY PUBLIC LIBRARY

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

627 South Street, Lafayette, Indiana

November 3rd, 2009

MINUTES

Notice of the date, time, place and agenda for this meeting was posted in prominent public view at the Library and mailed to requesting media on Thursday, October 29th, 2009 in conformity with the Indiana Open Meeting Act.

PRESENT:

Dinah McClure, President
Brandon Hawkins, Vice-President
Sarah J. Hicks, Treasurer
Lora Goonewardene, Member
Van Phillips, Member
Jerry Withered, Member

ABSENT:

Mida Grover, Secretary

ATTENDING

Jos N. Holman, County Librarian
Amy Paget, Assistant County Librarian
Susan Robey, Friends President

President Dinah McClure chaired the regular Board meeting and called it to order at 7:31 p.m. A quorum was declared to conduct business for the library.

Board Treasurer Sarah Hicks led the Board in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mrs. Hicks moved the **Board Minutes** of October 6th, 2009 be accepted as presented. Board Vice President Brandon Hawkins provided a second and the motion passed.

Mr. Holman highlighted a few items from the **County Librarian's Report**. He shared that excitement continues to build for the visit of Grammy award winning singer Ella Jenkins on Thursday, November 12th. Both daytime sessions are completely filled with about 340 local students expected to see the presentation. Specific publicity efforts are being made to increase attendance at the 7:00 p.m. evening presentation. Also, Mr. Holman reported TCPL's Management Team has twice discussed the philosophy and process associated with "rush cataloging" at TCPL. Terry Travis has been gathering statistics that show how much "rush cataloging" and processing of materials occurs at TCPL and what the impact is regarding the workflow of materials in Technical Services. Administratively, we are moving toward the elimination of general "rush cataloging" to better utilize the staff resources in

this department. Finally, he mentioned the County Librarian would attend a free fundraising workshop at the Chicago Public Library on November 9 – 10. Hosted by Library Journal, the Director's Summit on "Successful Fundraising in a Tough Economy" is designed to provide library directors with direct access to some of the most respected leaders in the library fundraising world. The County Librarian responded to a couple of questions associated with the report. The first question related to the annual appeal and the Red Crown Mini-Museum being a part of the Stein Building equation. The second question involved an explanation of a staff used abbreviation; WIC (Who's In Charge).

Mr. Hawkins moved to approve the November 3rd, 2009 **Personnel Actions**. Board member Van Phillips seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

No **Committee Reports** were presented.

Under **Other Reports**, Friends President Susan Robey shared the dates for the next book sale. The annual holiday sale of nearly new books and other materials will take place December 4th – 7th. A unique chess set manufactured in England will be sold through a silent auction. Also, the Friends approved the special purchase of a new AWE computer for the campus library and are in the process of planning their 2010 budget.

Under the heading of **Old Business**, Mr. Phillips reminded the Board that at the October Board meeting he shared information about potential legislation in Indiana, which could affect public libraries throughout the state including TCPL. Mr. Phillips provided some background information regarding the Kernan Shepherd report and its connection to the previous legislation. He clearly stated this discussion was not about voting to support legislation, but reaching a consensus on a Board stance about future elements of the legislation. Mr. Phillips has been in communication with local senators as well about potential legislation that would affect public libraries. With the issues being so complex, Mr. Phillips prepared a document to assist the Board in being fully informed about this topic and to serve as a basis for the discussion. After a bit of discussion and some questions, Board member Jerry Withered suggested the Board pass a resolution on the topic. Mr. Withered drafted a resolution for the board to consider. The resolution read as follows: "Resolved, that the Board of Trustees of the Tippecanoe County Public Library supports the concept of allowing counties to select public funding that is best suited for each county and further suggests it would not be in the best interest of public libraries to be part of any state commission that would direct or control local library services in Indiana." Mr. Withered moved adoption of the resolution. Mrs. Hicks provided a second to the motion and it passed. The County Librarian will format the resolution into a final document.

There was no **New Business** to consider.

Under **Other Business**, Mrs. Hicks moved to approve the grand total of the claims listing presented by the County Librarian starting with claim number 15508 through 15663. The pre-written claims were \$363,105.49 and the regular claims were \$168,283.59 for a grand total of \$531,389.08. Mr. Hawkins seconded the motion and it passed.

There were no **Comments from the Public** and no **Comments from the Board**. The County Librarian inquired should the annual holiday reception for the Board and staff be scheduled, and if so did Board members anticipate attending? The Board agreed to continue the reception. Also, Mr. Holman requested the Board set a date for the traditional special board meeting in December to consider financial matters. The Board agreed to meet on Tuesday, December 15 at 5:30 pm.

Mr. Withered moved to adjourn the regular board meeting at 8:13 p.m. Mrs. Hicks seconded the motion and it carried.

Sarah Hicks, Treasurer

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